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BRIEF MAKING AND THE USE OF LAW BOOKS. By Messrs. Lile, Redfield, Wambaugh, Mason and Wheeler. Edited by N. Abbott. St. Paul: West Pub. Co. 1906. pp. viii, 472.

This book is a noteworthy addition to legal publications. Its expressed purpose is to afford a text book for law school instruction in the practical use of law books. In many respects, however, it should be of real value to lawyers of considerable experience. The book not only contains much practical advice but also much information which is not otherwise accessible.

The first part of the book, which is by Prof. Redfield, treats of the brief on appeal. This, in addition to presenting some advice which will assist the law student to escape many hard knocks from experience, collects a number of authorities on the several technical points involved in the brief.

The second part is devoted to "How to use Decisions and Statutes," by Prof. Wambaugh. This is a very excellent and valuable analysis of a most important field of a lawyers work, which should be of real help to the student.

Part three, which is devoted to American Law Publications, is a store-house of information which comes to a lawyer in practice only after long experience. By means of it a student may become familiar with the books upon which he will come to rely in practice for learning what the law is. This part contains also a list of the various state reports, with the periods which they cover.

"How to find the Law" is treated of in part four. This contribution should be of peculiar value to the practitioner, for it contains an explanation of the now widely used American Digest classification scheme. Certainly a knowledge of the method used in arranging cases in a digest is essentially necessary in finding the law. This may be gained from this article, which contains not only a general discussion of the subject but a detailed examination of each main head used in the American Digest system.

An appendix presents a welcome list of abbreviations of law publications.

A TREATISE ON THE INCORPORATION AND ORGANIZATION OF CORPORATIONS. By Thomas Gold Frost. Second Edition. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. 1906. pp. xv, 698.

This is a second edition of a useful work, the first edition of which was reviewed shortly after its publication. The changes made in the present edition are such changes as have been required in the author's digest of the State laws, owing to the recent changes made by the various state legislatures. Outside of this, the present edition remains practically the same as the first edition, and is open to the same criticisms as that, viz., an attempt has been made to do too much in too small a space, and there is too great a tendency on the author's part to state some things as definitely settled, when, as a matter of fact, they are open to doubt and qualifications. Such errors, of course, keep the work from being reliable, and necessitate great care in its use. However, as a hasty reference book, for which it is probably primarily intended, it is one of the best of its kind and merits extended use. The work of the publisher is especially good, but we should recommend the insertion of the word "page" at the top of the figures